

REMARKS

The above Amendments and these Remarks are in reply to the Office Action mailed June 5, 2007. Currently, claims 69-119 are pending. Claims 89-107 and 116-117 are withdrawn from consideration by the present amendments.

In the Office Action, the Examiner required restriction of the claims to one of two alleged inventions: Group I, including claims 69-88, 108-115 and 118-119; or Group II, including claims 89-107 and 116-117.

Applicant hereby elects, without traverse, to proceed with Group I, including claims 69-88, 108-115 and 118-119. Applicant makes this election to further the prosecution process. This election is not meant to indicate that Applicant agrees or disagrees with the restriction requirement.

Claims 89-107 and 116-117 have been withdrawn from consideration in accordance with the election of the claims of Group I. Applicant expressly reserves the right to seek consideration of these claims in a divisional patent application.

In view of the above Amendments and these Remarks, consideration and examination of claims 69-88, 108-115 and 118-119 is respectfully requested.

The Examiner's prompt attention to this matter is greatly appreciated. Should further questions remain, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney by telephone.

Enclosed is a PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 for extending the time to respond up to and including today, October 5, 2007.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 501826 for any matter in connection with this amendment, including any fee for extension of time, which may be required.

Respectfully submitted,

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